REMARKS

The preceding amendment is submitted to insert the required cross-reference

to the parent application onto the first page of the specification.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report

(IPER) of January 16, 2006 on the present application. Attached thereto are claims 1 through

37 which the applicants submit for examination in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In

the IPER, the Examiner in the European Patent Office (EPO) considered most of the

amendments submitted in the "Amendment Under Article 34" filed on October 19, 2005 not

to be supported by the specification. The applicants do not agree with the position taken by

the EPO Examiner and consider the amendments to be amply supported by the specification

as filed.

An early examination of claims 1 through 37, as set forth in the Annex

attached to the IPER, is respectfully requested and earnestly sought.

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